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POLITICS..... TAKES CONTROL OF THE F.I.G.

The FIG had never experienced an "extraordinary Congress" until July of 1974. At that time, several nations caused the FIG to hold their first such special meeting in their nearly 100 year history. It was convened in Montreux, Switzerland, on Saturday, July 20th, and it was perhaps the darkest day in the FIG's long existence.

To go back briefly, the Executive Committee of the FIG (as previously reported to you) voted some months ago to move the 1974 World Championships to Munich. This action, taking the event away from Bulgaria was based on that nation's refusal to grant entry Visas to all member nations of the FIG. This refusal was action in direct violation of the FIG Constitution, leaving the Executive Committee little choice in the matter but to remove the event from Bulgaria and take it to Munich.

Shortly after that meeting, approximately 11 nations signed a petition for a special Congress. This was allowed by the Constitution, and therefore the General Secretary moved to cause such a Congress to be held. From our arrival in Montreux, the atmosphere was one of vicious politics. It was clear that the Eastern nations present intended to oust South Africa for certain and possibly Israel from the competition if at all possible. It was interesting to see that several nations were present for the first time, with new delegates and representing FIG member nations but particularly those who will not have gymnasts in the competition in October whether it be in Varna or Munich. For the first time in the FIG's history we witnessed a meeting that lacked dignity. Much of this can be attributed to one man who proclaimed at the microphone, that when the "Third World" took over they would teach us what Democracy was! His appearance set the tone for the meeting and it was a dark one. What did such a statement possibly have to do with sports..... and the answer was clear, absolutely nothing, but then this meeting had nothing to do with sports,..... of that there can be no doubt.

Fifty-one nations present and the final outcome of a vote that perhaps never should have been conducted..... was 26 nations voted for Varna (in violation of the Constitution) one nation abstained and 24 voted to support the Executive Committee and Constitution by holding the meet in Munich. The Eastern nations, joined in a round of applause by several Latin nations present even though the vote clearly was aimed at eliminating South Africa from the meet which violates the existing FIG Constitution. After the vote the Congress adjourned and the Western nations present seemed to indicate a reaction of shock more than anything else. Can a body vote to violate the Constitution that governs the action? Obviously, from a legal standpoint no, but then the meeting itself perhaps should never have been held and the vote obviously should not have been allowed. We can assume then that the Eastern nations would then move to boycott the Munich event, since it was so stated in at least one document circulated to all present by Yugoslavia. Now then, do we have two championships, or one? Is one or neither of them official? Is the FIG to be a two-headed organization now, with one clearly dominated by the Communist bloc..... which we honestly did not feel existed as a bloc, until this meeting.

Perhaps the only salvation of the FIG now, is to proceed with the planned event in Munich and not lend support to the action taken in Montreux by the 26 who voted as they did to violate the FIG statutes. For where does that end. Once you allow yourself to be blackmailed as such, to bend to such pressures in an illegal manner, it surely will never end. Next those 26 nations will evidently seek to throw out Israel, then Taiwan, then any other nation that differs from them in political taste. If the results of the Montreux meeting are allowed to stand as they are, the future of the F.I.G. is questionable..... for surely in time it would consist of only 25 nations..... those voting to place politics far above gymnastics on July 20, 1974.

For the United States Gymnastics Federation:


Executive Director

July 30, 1974

EXPO 74 . . . SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

July 1 - 6, 1974

The Soviet Union's delegation arrived in the USA and proceeded directly to Spokane, to appear in Expo '74, the current World's Fair now in progress. They brought with them three women to perform in Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics. It was a very talented group.

The U.S. Women's Team, ten deep, arrived on the same day and settled down to a week of hard work and six consecutive nights of exhibitions performing before packed houses each night. The gymnastics portion of the world's fair was sold out weeks in advance and absolutely no tickets were available for just under seven thousand seats, for six consecutive nights.

Olga Korbut was unquestionably the drawing card and she led with her in the artistic gymnastics section two very talented young ladies that demonstrated great promise for the future. Lidiya Gorbik (16) and Lubmila Savina (15) both showed real style and poise as they performed each night on their first trip to the USA.

The men's team featured two long recognized champions in Viktor Kuznetsov, and Nicolas Andreone. Along with them was Vladimir Schukin, and although Schukin had knee problems during the week, he maintained his strength and performed steadily all week. Andreone and Kuznetsov, are unquestionably two very talented gymnasts and impressed the crowd regularly with near flawless routines.

The USA had one man present and that was Tom Wooden from the University of California at Berkeley. Tom was absolutely great as he worked each night and seemed to get stronger as the days passed. He is considerably impressed from even the Elite Nationals and looked great as he worked with the Russians and became more a friend to them than a competitor.

The USA, had ten girls present with USGF National Coach Muriel Glasfield. They were Diane Quibler, Kathy Howard, Debbie Fike, Roseanne Pierce, Ann Carr, Barbara Myslik, Kyle Gayner, Jody Yocum, Nancy Thies and Janette Anderson who had a slight injury and was unable to perform. All the girls had an opportunity to perform before the large Expo crowd along with the Russians. The team had compulsory training sessions every day, and then joined in the



OLGA KORBUT AT EXPO '74

exhibitions every night. It provided our girls with an excellent opportunity to train together.

Following Expo . . . the teams departed to Seattle, Washington for a one night demonstration at the University of Washington. Again, a packed house, with about 8,000 spectators for the one night show. Miss Nancy Thies, Kyle Gayner and Debbie Fike were joined by some local talent such as Laurel Anderson and sister Janette Anderson had a slight injury and did not work during Expo but did perform one routine in Seattle. Dr. Eric Hughes and the University of Washington athletic staff, particularly their AD, Dr. Kearney, did a fine job hosting the Soviets and showing them Seattle.

From Seattle, it was up at 5:30 a.m. and on to St. Paul, Minn., and a one night show there before just over 11,000 people in the St. Paul Civic Center. The athletes were visibly tired, and although they performed admirably there was a show of fatigue that was justified. In St. Paul, four USA men aided in the exhibitions, those being Yoshi Hayasaki, Jim Stephenson, Mark Graham, and Jim Stephenson.

The Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics

group from the USSR was a highlight of each night's exhibitions. The three ladies present ranged from one girl, Jennette Vasara, who was a member of the USSR world's Championships team last year, to the attractive Miss Ali Zaslavsk, winner of a silver medal in individual events in Rotterdam last November to the star of the show every time she walked on the floor, Miss Galina Shagurova who won three gold medals in last year's World Championships and every night clearly demonstrated why she is a world's champion.

All-in-all, the tour as a tremendous success and although obviously too many shows in too few nights, none-the-less a great bit of propaganda for gymnastics. It was an excellent opportunity for our male and female gymnasts to work with the USSR teams and to see once again that cooperative exhibitions such as this one are good for the sport and the gymnasts.

Our thanks to Expo '74, and in particular to Mr. Tommy Walker who is manager of entertainment for the Fair, for their cooperation and encouragement from the beginning.



United States Team at Expo '74

Czech Marek Gonschik, Roseanne Pierce, Kyle Garner, Debbie Filler, Nancy Thies, Gwene Dunbar, Ann Cox





Gorlek (USSR) above and Gayner (USA) perform at Expo '74

UNITED STATES GYMNASTICS FEDERATION ELITE CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1974 JOAN MOORE RICE WINS FOURTH TIME

For the fourth straight year, Joan Moore Rice is the U.S.G.F. All-Around Elite National Gymnastics Champion. Joan not only successfully defended her Championship but won the Balance Beam and Floor Exercise as well.

The competition was a thrilling duel between Joan Moore Rice AND Diane Dunbar. After the compulsory exercises, Joan scored a total of 37.30 points with Diane only 4/10ths behind with 36.90 points. In the optionals although Diane Dunbar whipped up a 9.6 on the Uneven Bars and a 9.85 on Floor Exercise, defending Champion Joan Moore Rice only gave up 1/10th of a point, scoring 37.65 to Diane's 37.95. Joan's total points was 75.15 to Diane's 74.85, winning by the narrow margin of 3/10th of a point. Along with Rice and Dunbar, Debbie Fike, Roseanna Pierce, Nancy Thies, Ann Carr, Kathy Howard, and Kyle Gayner battled for the Championship and all qualified for the World Games Final Trials in September.

Dunbar, a 15 year-old from Pleasanton, California, had the highest score in the optionals with a 9.60 on the Uneven Bars and with her previous score of 74.55 in the qualification round was number one qualifier for the Finals with 149.40 points. Rice is an Olympian representing the Philadelphia Monarchs and stood no better than 7th nationally before the meet with 73.05 finished as the 2nd qualifier with a total of 148.20 behind Miss Dunbar.

The All-Around results of the U.S.G.F. Elite Championships:

1. Joan Moore Rice	—75.15
2. Diane Dunbar	—74.85
3. Debbie Fike	—73.26
3. Ann Carr	—73.25
5. Roseanna Pierce	—73.20
6. Nancy Thies	—73.10
8. Kyle Gayner	—73.20

The U.S.G.F. Elite Finals was an equally thrilling competition with another superb battle between Joan Moore Rice and Diane Dunbar. The Vaulting was the first event with Dunbar winning with 18.80 and Rice taking third after Pierce. Dunbar next won the Uneven Bars with a 19.175 with Rice 2nd with a 19.075. Next on the Beam it was Rice's turn to win with an even 19 points



Joan Moore Rice

1. Dunbar, D.	19.175
2. Rice, J.	19.075
3. Pierce, R.	18.775
4. Israel, C.	18.650
5. Hill, D.	18.575
6. Fike, D.	18.525

Beam

1. Rice, J.	19.000
2. Gaynor, K.	18.925
3. Dunbar, D.	18.650
4. Yocum, J.	18.500
5. Walker, D.	18.275
6. Howard, K.	18.150

Floor

1. Rice, J.	19.125
2. Dunbar, D.	18.950
3. Thies, N.	18.775
4. Walker, D.	18.700
5. Howard, K.	18.625
6. Fike, D.	18.625

and Dunbar finished 2nd with 18.650 behind Kyle Gayner. Rice then took the Floor Exercise with 19.125 with Dunbar 2nd with 18.950. Both girls won 2 firsts, one second and one third. The individual results follow:

Vaulting

1. Dunbar, D.	18.800
2. Pierce, R.	18.600
3. Rice, J.	18.575
4. Carr, A.	18.525
5. Fike, D.	18.450
6. Thies, N.	18.350

WOMEN'S REPORT ON USGF DELEGATION TO GOLDEN SANDS INVITATIONAL MEET IN VARNA, BULGARIA June 3 - 10, 1974

Delegation Members:

Chief de Mission and Men's Coach:

Albe Grossfeld

Women's Coach/Judge:

Gail Davis

Unofficial Women's Coach:

Bill Coope

Women Gymnasts:

Anne Carr, Kathy Howard

Men Gymnasts:

Tom Weiden, Jay Whelan

After leaving from the National Women's Elite Championships in Carbondale, Illinois early on the morning of the third of June we met the guys and assembled our complete delegation at Kennedy Airport in New York. That afternoon we boarded a Pan Am 747 (we were waving goodbye to from Anne Carr's family who had been kind enough to pick up our suitcases in Phila. and drive them to Kennedy plus brought us orchid corsages, alcohol and flew to London. From there it was British European Airways to Sofia, Bulgaria where we were met by a few members of the gymnastic federation and our interpreter, Kristina. They tried to make going through customs and an airport under renovation as pleasant as possible. We found out that we all had to get visas at the cost of \$7.00 per person and we also tried to locate one of Kathy Howard's suitcases which had not arrived with us. The delegation from Great Britain arrived with us and everyone agreed it is not easy to get into Bulgaria, and, as we later discovered, not easy to depart. We then flew via Balkan Airways (Bulgarian) to Varna where members of the gymnastic federation greeted us with flowers. All our luggage (minus Kathy's suitcase) and we were just about a bus for the 35 min. trip to our hotel, The Sportpaleis. Albe received a French itinerary for the competition and we tried to unpack in (at least for the girls) very cramped quarters. Once settled into hotel rooms with magnificent views of the moon on the Black Sea, we inquired about going to the gym for some stretching. We were told it was not possible as the last bus to the gym had left 90 min. before. So we went down to the dining hall for dinner. Each delegation had a group of tables in the dining hall designated with their

country's flag. Our delegation was practically blind with fatigue, but we did eat something and then went to bed about 9:30 p.m. and slept until about 11:00 a.m. the next morning (this was difficult as the sun rises at approx. 4:00 a.m.).

June 5, 1974

Upon rising we "checked out the area" and found a beautiful beach in front of our hotel - about 300 steps down and seemingly 600 steps back up! We noted that the men's warmup in the competition hall, the Sport Hall in Varna, was scheduled for 3:00 p.m. and the ladies for 6:00 p.m. Our girls were placed in Group II for the First Competition (compulsories and Optionals) along with two girls each from Great Britain, Czechoslovakia, and Bulgaria. After checking the bus schedule and noting a bus at 4:30, we tried to find it - no luck, schedule or not. The last one had left at 2:30 and so we took a taxi and arrived late for our workout missing most of the bar warmup. I was immediately dragged to the sound booth where I had a difficult, but successful, time explaining why we had two tapes for two girls for compulsories. The interpreter proved invaluable in this effort. Each squad had been allocated twenty-five minutes for warmup in each event and the rotation was as you would compete. At 6:25 our group moved to beam and sometime after moved to floor ex. (our third event) at 8:50 M. Papanova was hustling me off the judges' meeting and our girls were finished with Floor exercises (we should have just finished with beam!) Bill Coope who accompanied the team at his own expense was a great asset to the girls.

In the judges' meeting M. Dimova of the Bulgarian Federation took a roll call of judges and made event assignments. Canada had requested permission to bring a second judge and had been telegraphed permission to do so. It seemed that all fifth position judges would have been Bulgarian and Latvians of Russia made a motion that all duplicate judges be forced to share one judging position as all countries did not ask to bring a second judge. M. Dimova then reduced the judging panels to four with a counting superior. I was assigned to bars and the

superior judge position for the first day. Every judge would be a superior on one day. Other judges in my squad were: Yelena Nye and Mary Galt, Canada (they shared one position), M. Erbenova, Czechoslovakia, M. Tarasova, Bulgaria (they had a new one entry day). We were told when the competitors began and when to be in the judges' room for marking in.

I then attended the Technical meeting with Albe and our interpreter. A roll call was taken of gymnasts and competitive numbers were distributed. Canada had requested, and again received telegraphed approval, to bring a third female gymnast to compete. This proved to be a hassle, but eventually they permitted her to compete without classification (could take no place). Cuba requested permission not to compete in compulsories and was permitted to do so. At this point I realized how difficult the women's competition would be. Ex. The men had 6 in a squad and 30 minutes warmup the evening prior to competition, girls had 8 and 25 minutes per event, during the meet the men's squads of 8 had 4 minutes per event and the women's squad of 8 had 4 minutes, during the top 16 competition the men had squad of 5, 5, 5, and 6 and three events running simultaneously while the women had squads of 4 with four events running simultaneously. We had to be tough!

Countries represented were: Russia, RDA (Germany), Bulgaria, Rumania, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Great Britain, Yugoslavia, France, Hungary, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, Poland, Spain, Brazil, Cuba, and United States (18 in all).

June 6, 1974 - Compulsory Competition

Wouldn't you know my first time as head judge at an international meet and the first compulsory I had to judge was one of ours?! Nevertheless Kathy Howard ended the day in third place with a 35.50 total and Anne Carr just behind her in fourth with 35.45. We had to take the girls to the Spartak training facility early that morning to get some sun on beam as they hadn't had much the evening before. It paid off.

June 7, 1974 - Optional Competition

Leading the competition were two Russian girls, Gvozdeva, who almost beat Korbut in the National Championships, and Brichoukina. The United States was just behind them. Both of our girls averaged over a 9.0 All-Around in optional and wound up tied with each other for third place! Score 71.55. They not only made the top 10 competition but were in all final 20 more all-around meets to go - hang in tough. The two Russian girls were out ahead. Results of Competition No. 1 (compulsories and optional)

1. Gvozdeva, USSR - 74.30
2. Brichoukina, USSR - 73.60
3. Howard and Carr, USA - 71.55
4. Oeyl, ROA - 71.05
5. Proysa, ROA - 70.40

It was difficult to get a 9.0 score and our girls must have been tired, but we had been advised and were receiving many favorable comments from coaches and judges.

June 8, 1974 - Competition No. 2 (Top Sixteen)

Anne Carr hung in tough during this whole meet which only took 90 minutes at the maximum due to four events running together and only four girls in a squad. Kathy and Anne were squadded together with two Czech girls - the Russian girls were split. Kathy showed signs of fatigue during bars and wound up with a score of 8.05. But she didn't fall. I give her a lot of credit, sheer determination and competitive desire for a very difficult routine. Anne scored a 35.45 in this competition which when added to her previous average of 35.775 give her a total of 72.225 AND THIRD PLACE! Kathy scored a 35.40 and with her previous average of 35.775 give her fifth place. We were very proud of both girls as they stood on the awards stand. Medals were awarded to the top three places and certificates to all places. Results of the Competition No. 2 (Top Sixteen)

1. Gvozdeva, USSR - 74.550
2. Brichoukina, USSR - 73.750
3. Carr, USA - 72.225
4. Oeyl, ROA - 71.425
5. HOWARD, USA - 71.175
6. Proysa, ROA - 69.925

June 9, 1974 - Finals

It was exciting, our girls were in all four finals plus Jay Whalen was in the Floor Exercise Finals for men (he had placed a very creditable ninth in the men's All Around). Men's and Women's Finals were held at the same time with

the first men's event solo and the fourth men's event solo. Men's vaulting proved to be a big hangup as the judges had many confusions. Results of the Women's Finalist Competition:

Vault

1. Gvozdeva, USSR - 18.80
(Round off back)
2. Brichoukina and Anne Carr - 18.15
4. Proysa, ROA - 18.05
5. Howard, USA - 17.90
6. Oeyl, ROA - 17.90

Bars

1. Brichoukina, USSR - 18.80
2. Gvozdeva, USSR - 18.40
3. Stove, BUL - 18.125
4. Carr, USA - 18.050
5. Constantine, ROM - 17.975
6. Howard, USA - 17.80

Beam - Gvozdeva had a fall and two major bobbles, received an 8.6. She was leading with a 9.3 average.

1. Brichoukina, USSR - 18.60
2. Howard, USA - 18.05
3. Hachikoushi, CHE - 18.00
4. Gvozdeva, USSR - 17.90
5. Oeyl, ROA - 17.85
6. Carr, USA - 17.575

Kathy Howard had a break, but covered beautifully and with confidence to take second place. Anne Carr fell off after her side aerial - her only real break of the entire competition (four all-around meets).

Floor

1. Gvozdeva, USSR - 18.80
2. Brichoukina, USSR - 18.70
3. Constantine, ROM - 18.30
4. Carr, USA - 18.00
5. Howard, USA - 17.975
6. Oeyl, ROA - 17.70

I felt the judges made a mistake in F.X. finals. Of course I couldn't see all events the other days, but during finals they awarded Constantine of Romania a 9.3 for a decent exercise that contained all backward tumbling passes - RO FF double full/RO FF layout/RO FF full

Some comments on routine content.

Bars - many well executed free hip handstands, heights from the high bar, eagles flying in from the low bar to the high, front somersault catches, and several regular heights off the low bar. A few girls did sole circles with 1 1/2 twists (see little Canadian, Melissa did this right into a hecht full dismount). Gvozdeva used two dismounts, free hip to a back somersault off the high bar and free hip hecht (like men's HB compulsory). The two Germans used a snap down back and a very well executed toe on front off to the rear of the bars.

Floor - Gvozdeva used Pirouette, Pirouette and Santa Lucia. She seems to rest on her hands (so good in a handstand). She ends in a high advanced arabesque with right hand and foot on the floor. She warmed up a double full but in final only did one (did double in prefinal). Some tumbling passes for her were: RO pike arabesque step out RO back arabesque to front walkover, RO FF FF double full, Side CK, side CW ROFF back.

Brichoukina was in pan alley pose and charleston music - she is very delicate and cute. Uses RO FF full/FF full. Also CK FF. She starts a somersault prior to her music.

Devi - used Spanish music - does RO FF arabesque to RO FF high tuck back, she does Handspring front. Her routine had most walking and waiting time.

Beam - The emphasis is on series, very fast and powerful RO FF. Gvozdeva jumped to an English handstand front walkover out, 1/2 turn BWO FF with continuity. She also has a full and pirouette with walkover out and a sideward CK to sideward one arm CK Handstand - places the second hand, steps through to high free V and then collapses across the beam - very effective. There is not much this competitor doesn't do on beam including Comick steps down the beam! She also does an ARO and a CK to tuck arabesque in a dismount. Other dismounts were two very fast FF's to a back, RO FF full done very quickly, and became full (failed).

Vaults - Yama's, Yama 1/2 full, Handspring full, 1/2 on 1/2 off and Round off back.

After final we had to wait for the bus to return from taking the first group of people back. No sympathy for those who were involved in the meet as competitors or officials. This was our last night in Bulgaria and there were two recollections - one for the competitors held a few days down from our hotel and one for officials held in our hotel. The kids' reception consisted of a light meal and really nothing else - no music even - they all returned early. Our reception was equally dull and since we arrived back at the hotel almost at the time the reception was to start we were late. Nick Stuart of Great Britain revised our reception with his world famous names until we were weak with laughter. Many of the coaches and judges then partied all night as most were due to leave the next morning very early.

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June 10, 1974

We assembled in the lobby at 5:45 along with the Canadian, Russian, and Spanish delegations to board a bus to the airport. Upon arrival at the airport we received Kathy Howard's suitcase. Flew Balkan Airlines to Sophia where we endured the process of getting out of the country and dragging our luggage around an airport under renovation. From there to Frankfurt and duty free shopping (hah!) and home to Kennedy where we all went our merry ways. This trip was most successful for the United States Gymnastic Federation in a gymnastic sense, not a useful one for anyone in our party. Our competitors' performances really helped our international image and many people from many countries were most favorably impressed. I believe the coaches of these gymnasts should be congratulated for preparing them so well: Mary Wehn and Jesse McDowell for Kathy Howard and Bill and Ginny Coco for Anne Carr.

The girls also gave their best, often in the face of adversity, late or nonexistent buses meaning rushed trips to the gym, rushed warmups, good competition, trying hard to sleep less (the sun comes up at 4:00 a.m.), lost luggage, plus a hyper roommate (me) who had to see a U.S.G.F. federation banner at La Brea House for presentation to the federation (needlework should be a criterion for all coaches/judges!) We didn't have much time to really enjoy the area — nice beaches and great weather, BUT, THEY KNOW WE WERE THERE!!

GAIL DAVIS

MEN'S REPORT OF THE GOLDEN SANDS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION — VARNIA, 1974

by Abe Groszfeld

The third "Zlatna Pazar" or Golden Sands International Competition, institutional in nature, was from June 8 through 9 at the Palace of Sports in Varna, Bulgaria. This was to have been the site of the World Championships in October. It is a modern looking area with a seating capacity of 3,000.

The United States delegation consisted of two men gymnasts, Tom Weeden of the University of California at Berkeley and Jay Whelan of Southern Connecticut State College, two women gymnasts, Ann Carr of the Mannettes in Philadelphia and Kathy Howard of Oklahoma, Bill Coco (privately financed trip) as the women's coach, Gail Davis as the women's judge and myself as the men's coach and chief of the delegation.

Only two men and women gymnasts from each nation were invited aside from officials. A few countries requested permission to bring a third gymnast and were given an affirmative reply. The following countries were represented with the number of male gymnasts in parentheses: Brazil (2), Canada (2), Cuba (2), Czechoslovakia (2), GDR (5, Germ) (2), France (2), Great Britain (2), Hungary (2), Poland (2), Romania (2), Spain (1), Sweden (2), USA (2), USSR (2), Yugoslavia (2), and Bulgaria (6). In all, there were 37 men gymnasts representing 16 countries. While we were in Bulgaria, their organizing committee decided that the score gymnast, beyond two, would be classified as unofficial — except for the Bulgarians — and could only compete the first two days (in competition No. 1) and not in the all-around or individual event finals. All six Bulgarians were official and as it turned out, five of them made the top 10 and, thus, competed in the all-around finals.

Our only practice session, the day before competition, was conducted at the competition arena and as we found out, meet conditions were simulated. The gymnasts were split into their respective groups and marched into the arena at 3:30 and to their first event and had about twenty minutes per event. We found this session particularly beneficial in helping our gymnasts adjust to the apparatus and conditions. The meet difficulty for our men seemed to be on the horizontal bar which was slower and the pommel horse which was narrower and softer than what we are used to. The vaulting runway was made of approximately one-half inch thick sponge material that the gymnasts liked. The new type Reuther board was on a firm surface of the same thickness.

The competition set up was Olympic style — all apparatus on platforms and six events going at once. The gymnasts were split into teams of six. Our men were teamed with two Bulgarians, the unofficial Russian and a Spanish. The order of competition and events were exactly the same for computers and optional. Each day the men's competition commenced at 3:30 or 4 p.m. The audience was sparse. Near more than half full.

Compulsory Competition, June 8

Some of the extraordinary occurrences in order of the events for our gymnasts are as follows:

POMMEL HORSE: Whelan did an extra circle after the knee out but otherwise sat through clean for 8.4

Weeden sat one knee out but picked up a good loop to undercut and finished strong — 7.95 Trifonov, unofficial USSR, performed with excellent control and form — 9.0

RINGS: Weeden received the third highest score of the competition at 9.1

VAULT: Whelan's preflight angle was extra low — 8.4. The best vaults showed good preflight angles, aiming close to the 25 degree angle. The Czech Tabelek was .75 better than anyone else — 8.4

PARALLEL BARS: Weeden fell to upper arms on basket mount, had trouble on the back pommel and basket glide. The best routine showed a 30 degree angle, straight body dismount

HORIZONTAL BAR: Weeden fumbled grasp on change to overgrip from the delicate to back upright, thus, he lacked control going into dismount and bent his knees

FLOOR EXERCISE: Whelan received the third highest score at 9.3. Weeden fluted on press to handstand, touched hands on tucked back steps, and bent knees on front somersault of Poland was .25 better than anyone else at 9.8

Optional Competition No. 1, June 9

PH: Whelan hit the horse on back more travel out and buckled arms going into somersault — 8.45. Weeden had two steps — 7.0

R: Weeden touched hands on double piked dismount for an 8.8. He wound up Rh.

V: Two lines were drawn on the mat to indicate distances to be attained for both the rear and (crouched) and far end (neck) vaults. The grip judge indicated the spot where the gymnasts landed to the judges — except for the Bulgarians — if they were short of clearing the appropriate line. Whelan landed short of the line — 8.5

The most frequent vaults were handspiral siffler and handspiral or Yarnashtu with twists. There were very few if any straight Yarnashtus.

PB: Weeden sat after glide overhoist to straddle L and balked in going for a swinging pommel.

HG: Whelan hit the bar with his foot coming out of a Stalder spot — 8.85. Weeden bent knees during his hecht dismount — 8.85

FE: Whelan scored the second highest optional at 9.4. Krenov of Bulgaria was the highest at 9.65

AA: Whelan finished the first two days with a combined total of 105.85 and maintained 8th place. Weeden's total was 99.65 for 25th place.

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MEN'S REPORT OF THE GOLDEN SANDS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION — VARNA, 1974

By Abe Grossfeld

(continued)

All Around Final Opensnik, Competition No. 2 (Top 16), June 8

Whelan was gripped with two Bulgarians, a Czech, an G. German and Szajna of Poland. Only three events were conducted simultaneously: Jay began on floor exercise and received the highest score of the day (along with Karanov of Bulgaria) at 9.5. In the next event, Jay sustained his only mishap of the four days of competition. He sat on the end of the horse as he was about to loop off which he proceeded to do after a couple of leg cuts. His score was 8.25. Jay finished the day with a total of \$3.45 for the seventh highest total. However, he did not change position and finished 9th all around.

Individual Event Final

Competition No. 3 (Top 6), June 9

FE: Whelan scored a 6.1 and placed third. Four of the finalists opened with double backs and finished with double twists. The first man up was Radev of Bulgaria who scored an 8.55. This was the most incorrect judgment, in my opinion, of the entire competition. I judged this routine to be about a 7.2. He opened with a pike full twisting back, then did a straddle L straight arm press to handstand, a running front into a crude headspring, a roundoff flip flop layout, a roundoff flip flop back and finished with a roundoff very low whip back and took a step.

Szajna opened with a double piked back but overspan (in competition Nos. 1 and 2, he opened with a double twist) and went on to complete a good routine ending with a double twist. He was severely judged at 8.8. Bartler (DDR) and Karanov (Bulg) opened with very good double backs and finished with double twists. In competition No. 2 they opened with double twists. In competition No. 1 five Bulgarians opened with double backs. Marchenko (USSR) who opened with a full twisting double back in Riga did double twist openings here. He was a little rough in competition No. 1 and placed eighth. In competition No. 1 Tabak (Czech) opened with a front somersault out to roundoff double back for a 9.2 score, and Tom Wilson (G. Britain) opened with a double back and finished with a double twist for 8.3 — the third highest score.

PE: Three of the six finalists broke bodily. Cuba has a fine horseman in Richards. He swings with an extended

body, good amplitude and good leg form, and all with ample behind the back work. His main problem are his feet. I do not have to tell you what he does not do not them. He led going into the finals and scored a 9.1. Marchenko (USSR) performed the most difficult routine very well and scored a 9.2 to tie Richards for first.

R: This proved to be the best event of the competition. Four of the finalists had very good routines and swung excellently in both directions. I was particularly impressed with Bars of Rumania. His routine: Delicate straight arm shoot to back giant (high bar styled) ho, lower to planch (hold), collapse to piked inverted hang and kip to cross, press out to L, straight body forward roll to straight body press handstand, high bar styled front giant (the best I've seen), fall over to 1½ twist (rudolph) dismount. Bars was under-scored at 9.35 and placed third.

Boiko (USSR) started with a slow inlocate to kip cross, lower through back lever to inverted hang, inlocate back uprise handstand (he keeps his arms and body straight), back giant (at arm), lower to planch, layaway to front uprise L, straight arm bent hip press with legs together, giant down to ½ in ½ out double. Marchenko: Pull up to cross, delicate at arm shoot handstand, at arm back giant, front giant (bent arms slightly at and), whippet, swing back and roll forward to piked inverted hang, kip L, straight body press handstand, giant down ½ in ½ out double (almost full in).

V: Szajna won with a well executed handspring piked sitto (bent legs on pommel) — 8.5. (He successfully performed the vault in all three competitions.) His second vault was a flighty full twisting handspring. Tabak (Czech) executed a very flighty handspring sitto and the flightist (but a little misaligned) Tsakalare vault that I've seen. He failed to stick either vault and placed second.

PE: The Soviet gymnasts placed one two and did excellent routines.

Marchenko: Cast ½ turn to glide kip, swing and flip forward to piked inverted hang (a basket in reverse), kip, straddle out L, straight arm press, one arm handstand to back poutette, back somersault, stutz handstand, layaway, front uprise, moose to handstand, back somersault with full twist dismount. Boiko: Cast to support, swinging front poutette,

Disenkov: stutz, cast back uprise straddle L, straight arm press, back somersault to layaway, front uprise 1½ twist front (rudolph) dismount.

HE: Marchenko won with some unique combinations and dismounted with a rudolph. Szajna did nothing unusual but did end with a double piked flyaway which he had tucked in both competitions. Nos. 1 and 2 Boiko's mount was unique — a back uprise full turn to free hip.

Karanov scratched from high bar finals but did use a full in double flyaway in competition Nos. 1 and 2.

Marchenko wound up winning the most gold medals — three.

Miscellaneous Observations

The judging was generally good — more severe than most international meets except for the very poor performances — and the Bulgarians got the majority of the breaks in competition No. 1. Meaning that if the World Championships were in Varna, we would undoubtedly have our hands full with them. The French petitioned that only one Bulgarian be used per event in competition Nos. 2 and 3. I agreed.

The youngest male competitor was Karanov of Bulgaria at 16 years of age. He should be world class by 1976. Karanov was the only Bulgarian in this meet to come through their youth training program which is now present in all the communist countries.

Almost all Europeans are using the handguards with a dowel for rings. This was introduced by the Rumanians a couple of years ago. The handguards also contained a double wrist strap which was first used by the Soviet gymnasts over ten years ago. Some of the guards used spanned three fingers. And I might add that the Soviet girls also used wide handguards.

Just after competition No. 1, a meeting was called by the organizers to ask if anyone objected to moving the finals' starting time to one-half hour earlier to allow for T.V. coverage throughout Europe. The French asked specifically in which countries it was to be televised and no one knew. However, no one objected.

In between the men's and women's finals, I was called to a press conference along with the chiefs of Great Britain and Cuba. I was questioned as to whether or not the World Championships should be in Bulgaria. I indicated our stand by stating that our federation felt that all members of the FIG should be permitted to take part in the World Championships. I was asked if what occurred in society

was not more important than following the rules of a sports federation. I indicated that the actions of the FIG, which is above that of the member federations, had accepted countries with discrimination as members and they should be the ones questioned.

ALL-AROUND RESULTS

No.	Name	Pays	Points
1	Sujeni	POL	111.325
2	Manchenko	URS	110.475
3	Bayko	URS	109.575
4	Kerimov	BUL	107.800
5	Koloko	FRA	105.650
6	Panescu	ROM	105.525
7	Zoev	BUL	105.475
8	Raday	BUL	105.450
9	Whelan	USA	100.375
10	Bester	DOR	105.475
11	Koytchev	BUL	105.425
12	Bautist	FRA	104.800
13	Groose	DOR	104.675
14	Todorov	BUL	102.350

Two functions were held for the chief de missions — a reception by the Mayor of Varna at City Hall and a cocktail party at a nearby hotel. Here we sang and danced at the request of the President of the Bulgarian gymnastics federation. Most of the songs were Russian. His idea was that music enhances friendship.

Peace is in order for Gail Davis for spending numerous hours making a very attractive banner with a USGF patch sewn in the center. This was presented to the President of the Bulgarian Gymnastics Federation. And, a special thank you to Walter Zwickel for donating the warm-up suits, shirts and leotards that were worn.

From the results it can be seen that our girls were really super. However, all our gymnasts presented themselves well and even though not all made their most outstanding showing, they all impressed many as was indicated to me numerous times. This venture proved to be profitable to USA gymnastics and especially the gymnasts involved.

Alvin Grassfield
Chief de Mission



MITUFA
GRIZDOVA (USSR) ALL-AROUND CHAMPION
Moscow '74, Varna '74, and Antwerp '74.

OLYMPIC COMPULSORIES - 1976

Dear Coaches,

Many of you have expressed the desire for the earliest information possible on the new Olympic Compulsories - 1976. Here are some guidelines at some of the content of the new exercises. This information has been gathered in an unofficial manner - most of it by Miss Carl Davis during her trip to Bulgaria. Please realize that all of this could be incorrect, certainly it will change at least in part. However for those of you who are planning ahead I felt that this information would be a big help.

Sincerely,
Muriel Grossfeld,
National Head Coach for
Women - U.S.G.F.

Vault

Yamashita

Bars

From the front using a board

1. Straddle vault over the low bar, catch high bar and long hang kip to high bar
2. Cast a handstand and free back hip circle to a handstand (complete handstand would be a change in normal FIG procedure - MG).
3. Stomach Whip on low bar to 1/2 turn over low bar (no information on legs - straddle or together - MG).
4. Drop from high bar to low bar to glide kip change to high bar (no information on leg position).
5. Stoop over low bar to moving rest on low bar and short kip to high bar.
6. Cast from High Bar to wrap on Low Bar to heel damoust (legs together) from low bar.

Beams

1. Mount - from side of beam - with hand support (both kick mount and then 1/2 turn)
2. One arm cartwheel (2nd arm) From facing forward and with a 1/2 turn in at the end.
3. Stag leap.
4. English handstand with exchange of legs.
5. Barani damoust - front somersault with 1/2 twist from single leg take off.

Floor Exercise

1. Round off two back handsprings with a step out on the second to 1/2 turn front handspring step out to 1/2 turn to a pose (unknown pose - MG).
2. Back Walkover.
3. Dive tuck - underarm throw.
4. Round off mounting backhandspring deposit, mounting backhandspring step out.
5. Stag leap

1974 World Games Trials

The 1974 U.S.G.F. Elite National Championships not only selected the 1974 National Champions but when these scores are added to the best qualification All-Around score, the top 12 Women advance to the 1974 World Games Trials to be conducted in California September 27, 28, at Anaheim convention center.

The Golden Dozen American Women Gymnasts

1. Dianne Danbar	-148.40
2. Joan Moore Rice	-148.20
3. Debbie Fike	-148.70
4. Roxanne Pierce	-148.25
4. Ann Carr	-148.25
6. Kathy Howard	-148.00
7. Kyle Gayner	-148.20
8. Nancy Thers	-144.65
9. Jody Youm	-144.40
10. Debbie Hill	-144.20
11. Barbara Myslak	-143.75
12. Lynn Gysin	-143.45

The final trials will be a fresh start for all 12 gymnasts. No scores will be carried from any previous competitions. Janet Anderson will also be in the final trials due to fulfillment of score requirements for injury petition.



WORLD GAME TRIALS - MEN

The World Game Trials for Men will be held on September 27, 28, 1974, at Austin, Texas at the University of Texas. In addition to the 12 gymnasts listed in the USGF News - June issue, Mr. Steve Hug and Mr. Wayne Young have been named the right to compete due to injury petitions approval.



9. Grand gite sideward (big side leap - MG).
7. 360 degree turn in arabesque (arabesque - NOT scale)
8. 360 degree pique turn - free leg toes on support leg, knee turned out (think it's lowish on leg - not high on knee - MG).

75 PAN-AMERICAN COMPULSORIES (UNOFFICIAL) by Abe Grossfeld

F.E.: Same as present World Championship Compulsory up to the press, which is a straddle straight arm press, handstand, come down 1/2 turn back roll shoot 1/8 turn, round off FF to back back.

P.H.: Circle loop undercut, 2 back scissors, one reverse, 2 front scissors, 1 circle, brass out, 1/2 circle Kehre, 1 circle, stack/off.

R.: Pull to dislocate shoot to "L", bent arm and hip press to handstand, back kip, roll back to back lever - cast to "same damoust".

V.: Hecht.

F.B.: Run, jump to support, cast back uprise straddle "L" straight press (legs together) cast layaway, least uprise up front pousette, layaway, swing to kip position, kip to the present 30 degree damoust.

H.B.: Mixed grip, cast rear vault, straddle out, kip change one front giant, front pousette, back giant, cross change, stoop through seat circle shoot damoust.

U.S.G.F. WOMEN'S CALENDAR FOR 1974-75

Mrs. Jackie Fie

Early December - 1st Regional Pre-Qualification Meet for 1st Elite Qualifying Round, February 14, 15 - 1st Elite Qualification Meet (To be held East of the Mississippi) Top 20 to Pan-Am Trial in March 21, 22.

March 21, 22 (preferable) or 28, 29 USGF State Age Group Meets; March 14, 15 - 2nd Regional Pre-Qualification meet for 2nd Elite Qualification Round.

April 11, 12 USGF Regional Competitions, April 25, 26 - 2nd Elite Qualification Meet (To be held West of the Mississippi).

May 9, 10 Junior Nationals (To be held East of the Mississippi), May 22, 23, 24 - Senior Nationals (To be held West of the Mississippi).

June 12, 13, 14, or 18, 20, 21 - Elite National USGF Championships.

All bids should be directed to Shirley Bryan, 2618 N. Hampden, Chicago, IL 60614 except bids for State meets which should go to the State Director.

3rd WOMEN'S WORLD GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT

Antibes, France

June 13-16, 1974

By Sharon Valley

It was with pleasure, honor and pride in our country and gymnastics that Roxanne Pierce, Diane Dunbar and I represented the United States at the World Invitational Competition in Antibes, France June 14-16. The competition was one which blended friendship, dignity and certainly, world level gymnastics. There were many outstanding and exciting performances.

Highlighting the Compulsory Competition was first place performance by Roxanne on compulsory bars with a score of 9.40 and second place exercises by Diane, Medweosky (Hungary), and Henke (R.D.A., E. Germany) — all receiving scores of 9.30.

In addition, Diane tied with Grozdeva (U.S.S.R.) for second place in compulsory vaulting with a score of 9.20, both .10 behind Henke. Scores were slightly more conservative on compulsory beams, with Grozdeva, Medweosky and Gorsac (Rumania) receiving scores of 9.50, 9.30, 9.30 respectively and the greater majority of the rest being in the eight's. Diane was very first up in the meet, receiving an 8.80 and Roxanne was fourth up and received an 8.90....

Compulsory floor honors were shared by Grozdeva (1st-9.50), Gorsac (R.D.A., —2nd-9.30) and Diane, Gorsac (Hungary) and Medweosky who tied for third with a score of 9.20. Roxanne, Henke and Gorsac were next with scores of 9.10.

Placement in the all-around after compulsory was as follows:

1. Grozdeva (U.S.S.R.)
2. Medweosky (Hungary)
3. Gorsac (Hungary)
4. Dunbar (U.S.A.)
5. Gorsac (Rumania)
6. Henke (R.D.A.)
7. Gorsac (R.D.A.)
7. Pierce (U.S.A.)
9. Audin (France)
9. Camples (Rumania)

There were nineteen competitors in all representing Russia, Hungary, U.S.A., Rumania, East Germany, France, Poland, Belgium, Japan, and Great Britain. I served as superior judge on compulsory bars, judge on optional vaulting and superior judge on optional beam.

Preliminary to finals were exhibition performances by competitors who were not in finals on a particular event. Roxanne was asked to perform on beam and floor. Both were good performances with especially good reception on floor.

Judging was conservative in a few places, but generally consistent and quite fair in my estimation. We "marched" a lot and flowers before were given judges and competitors each day, making the whole atmosphere charming and official.

Optionals and Finals were very exciting and spectacular to say the least. Four gymnasts executed roundoff/tuckwheel back somersaults in side horse vaulting, Medweosky, Henke, and Gorsac in pike position and Grozdeva in tuck. Diane did a yamahata and a yama 1/2 twist. Roxanne and most of the other competitors did yamahatas, with a few twisting vaults like 1/2 on/off and 3/4 on/off. Placement in vaulting after finals was as follows:

1. Henke (R.D.A.)
2. Grozdeva (U.S.S.R.)
3. Dunbar (U.S.A.)
3. Medweosky (Hungary)
5. Audin (France)
6. Gorsac (Rumania)

Many daring and original combinations were performed on bars by quite a number of competitors. Movements like free hip circles were done with more concern for technique (handstand, straighter arms). Although hecht falls were done, several dismounts from other categories were used. Also Henke and Grozdeva each did free hip hechts, Gorsac did free hip handstand tuck back off (I understand that Grozdeva also uses this dismount when her free hip is positioned well, or, as a cover to the several endings that she uses). Another interesting and spectacular pike — Roxanne and Grozdeva both do water shoot/oracle handstands from high bar to low, flip catches reverse grip and goes straight over in the handstand to a hop, change grip glide; Grozdeva glides out or poretutes and glides. Both were received with excitement from crowd. Final placement in bars:

1. Gorsac (Rumania)
2. Grozdeva (U.S.S.R.)
2. Medweosky (Hungary)
4. Dunbar (U.S.A.)
5. Henke (R.D.A.)
6. Pierce (U.S.A.)

As superior judge on optional beam, I had a chance to see all routines from a judge's viewpoint. In general, I have to say that I was impressed. The trend seems to be much more in keeping with what we have been encouraging in our country — more varied movement and dance, higher level of trick difficulty, more emphasis on

series of acrobatic and tumbling skills, and a generally better blend of all throughout. I feel, however, that our concept is still more honorable to rules and interpretations as we understand them and personally feel that our beam routines of the last few years have been an influence on the countries which had not been doing much up until now. Grozdeva was outstanding — doing many flexibility-type movements and showing superb ease when on her hands (Dismounting, etc.), as well as series, finishing with a cartwheel arabian somersault, dismount. Medweosky showed more content than previously and had an especially original slide to her knee that impressed me a lot. Placement on beam:

1. Grozdeva (U.S.S.R.)
2. Medweosky (Hungary)
2. Gorsac (Rumania)
4. Dunbar (U.S.A.)
5. Gorsac (R.D.A.)
6. Audin (France)

Floor was "dripping" to watch — Gorsac and Henke did double falls, Grozdeva warmed one up but didn't complete with it; Camples's dance had meaning and drama throughout the whole exercise. — But the most exciting happening was the crowd reaction to Grozdeva and Diane, first in preliminary competition (after which Diane received a special award for the most original exercise in the meet!), and then in finals... with Grozdeva turning the audience on and Diane coming up dead last and just bringing the house down... she really performed as if I can say — surely there were mistakes, but the performance and personality level was superb. Winning medals is one thing, but that kind of reaction to a routine can only be described on an emotional level — and as great as Grozdeva was, I was proud to be an American observer to that sort of

Final floor standings

1. Grozdeva (U.S.S.R.)
2. Dunbar (U.S.A.)
3. Henke (R.D.A.)
4. Camples (Rumania)
4. Gorsac (Hungary)
6. Medweosky (Hungary)

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Valley,
Coach/Judge



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1^{ere} LAZAKOVITCH, URSS

2^{eme} BARTOGZ, POLAND

3^{eme} VOROMINA, URSS



1973

1^{ere} Melle PEARCE, USA.

2^{eme} Melle CHACE, USA.

3^{eme} Melle MATRAZECK, POLOGNE

3^{eme} TOURNOI 1974

Final Placement in The All Around

1	Grozdova (U.S.S.R.)	76.10
2	Gorcez (ROMANIA)	73.60
3	Medveszky (HUNGARY)	73.75
4	Hanks (R.D.A.)	73.55
5	Gurbar (U.S.A.)	73.80
6	Pierce (U.S.A.)	72.40
7	Cosner (HUNGARY)	72.30
8	Audin (FRANCE)	72.25
9	Compeles (ROMANIA)	72.05
10	Gersich (R.D.A.)	71.85

National
USGF
Junior Olympic Championships
August 24, 1974

The National USGF Junior Olympic Gymnastics Championships for boys will be held at the National Turner Camp (on the Fox river) in Algonquin, Illinois, on August 24, 1974. The boys may arrive on August 23rd, competition on the 24th (25th if weather causes delay).

The first three place winners in the 12-14 and 15-18 age-groups in the Regionals will be eligible to compete in the USGF Junior Olympic National Championships. In areas that do not conduct Regionals, application may be made to enter through the Regional Director. 12-14 age-group will perform the USGF Intermediate Compulsories and Optionals, 15-18 age-group will perform the USGF Advanced Compulsories and Optionals. Regional Directors may approve up to 3 boys in each of the two age-groups, if there is no Regionals. Only boys approved will be allowed to compete.

The boys should be instructed to arrive in Chicago on the evening of August 22 where they will be picked up and taken to an airport motel. In the morning they will be taken to the Turner Camp. Friday will be for practice, Saturday will be for competition and if it rains the competition will be Sunday.

*****ALL OF THEIR EXPENSES WILL BE PAID FROM THE TIME OF PICK-UP TILL THEY ARE BROUGHT TO THE AIRPORT.

The champion in each of the two agegroups will travel to Munich (expense free) with the Men's World Games Team which will represent the United States. The USGF will therefore provide the perfect relationship between Junior Olympic and Olympic programs.

Mr. Paul Fine will be the Meet Director and all correspondence and entries should be forwarded to him at 22 Scottswood Road, Riverside, Illinois 60546.

USGF JUNIOR OLYMPIC Region 5 Championships for Boys.

Frank Bucciferro, Gymnastics Coach at Wheaton Central High School, reports on the USGF Region 5 Jr. Olympic Championships.

On May 18, 1974, the USGF Jr. Olympic Championships for Boys was held at Wheaton Central High School in Wheaton, Illinois. 70 boys ages 9 to 18 (representing the 3 age-groups) competed. The meet was a great success and the highlight of the meet was the performance of Bart Conner, Illinois State All-Around High School Champion, who scored 54.6 in the All-Around.

The following have advanced to the National Championships:

12-14	15-18
Dewey Deal	Bart Conner
Gary Vanysek	Dale Schaal
Scott Barclay	Don Krauf



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Tom Hodges (USA) at Expo '74.

**MODERN RHYTHMIC
GYMNASTICS CLINIC
AND
U.S.G.F. NATIONAL
COMPETITION
May 21, 22, 23 and 25th.
BY M. PRCHAL**

The Northeastern University in Chicago hosted the very important National Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Clinic sponsored by the United States Gymnastics Federation on May 21, 22, 23, 1974.

Mrs. Kveta Cerna of Prague, Czechoslovakia, a member of the FIG Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Committee and International Judge arrived in Chicago on May 20th after having conducted a 2-day Clinic in Hunter College, New York. With her on the teaching staff were Dr. Andrea Schmid of San Francisco, California, Dr. Annetta Strangé Hoyman of the University of Illinois, Champaign, and Mrs. Helena Greenhouse, Riverside, California. Wilfred Prchal was translator for Mrs. Cerna. Betty Ann Meyer, instructor at the University and a member of the U.S.G.F. Governing Council, made all necessary preparations. Registration began at 8:00 a.m. on May 21.

30 students (some only part-time) attended. 50 hours of instruction including assignments and study for "judges" tests were conducted each day.

Included in the curriculum were: Basic technique of exercise without apparatus and exercises with official apparatus, evaluations and penalties, progression in creating original difficulties rather than using examples in Code of Points. Official apparatus: ball, hoop, jump rope, clubs, ribbon. Group exercise and musical accompaniment were, of course, discussed.

New additions to the 1974 Code of Points and corrections were given. A new Code of Points will be printed soon.

Most interesting to all modern rhythmic gymnasts who have, heretofore, strictly adhered to the "taboo" on acrobatic elements in the modern rhythmic exercises, should be the inclusion by the FIG of the front and back roll in future exercises. Perhaps a forerunner of more to come.

Mrs. Cerna was the first FIG Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics member and international judge to visit the United States. This was of tremendous importance and assistance to us.

The 3-day Clinic was followed by the National Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Competitions, judges were selected from those who attended the Clinic with Mrs. Cerna acting as referee.



**CANDACE CELIGOY
USGF ALL AROUND CHAMPION**

On Saturday, May 25th, the 11 U.S.G.F. National Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition was held at Morton West High School, Barrington, Illinois. Events were 6-member group exercise with rope (group work was included for the first time) and individual exercises with ball, ribbon and jump rope. Only the two best scores were considered for each individual. 21 gymnasts competed.

The judging plan was prepared by Mrs. Kveta Cerna. Two areas, one with rug and one without, were available to each gymnast. 2 groups of four judges, each with a head judge, officiated. Mrs. Cerna refereed. After the group competitions, the 10 judges remained in place, one group judging ball, one group judging ribbon (gymnasts alternated, one with ball, the next with ribbon, etc.). The jump rope was later evaluated by four judges and one head judge selected from the first two groups. This was a very good system, allowing Group No. 1 judges to evaluate the finished work of one gymnast, while Group No. 2 judged the next gymnast. Thus, the competition continued smoothly with no stop except for conference after the first group. All judges sat in front of the two areas.

The calibre of competitors this year far exceeded those of our first competition last year. Gymnasts from California, Nevada, New York, New Jersey and Illinois participated. Judges were from California, Minnesota, Iowa, New York, Texas and Illinois.

Meet Director was Mrs. Jane Juraw, Regional Director, who did a splendid job of organizing. Betty Ann Meyer of the Northeastern University was Clerical Chairman. A fine crew of workers from the local American Sokol and the Chicago Park District assisted throughout the competition.



Helen Martinez



**University of Illinois, Champaign
Group Champions**

The next National Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition will be held in San Francisco, California. Meet Director will be Dr. Andrea Schmid. Events: 6-member group exercise using 3 balls and 3 ropes. Individual exercises with ball, hoop, ribbon, clubs.

Results of 11 National Rhythmic Gymnastics Competitions:

I GROUP		
	University of Illinois	18.30
ALL-ROUND INDIVIDUAL:		
I	Candace Celigoy Reno, Nevada	19.00
II	Helen Martinez San Francisco, Ca.	18.70
III	Katherine Brym Riverside, Ill.	18.50
IV	Patty Murphy Chicago, Ill.	18.25
V	Debbie Gardanon Riverside, Ca.	17.95
VI	Kim Hanley Reno, Nevada	17.50
VII	Nancy Kostke Chicago, Ill.	16.70

**MODERN RHYTHMIC
GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE
UNITED STATES
GYMNASTICS FEDERATION
MINUTES**

May 24, 1974

Chicago, Illinois

All members of the Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Committee were present. Members are:

Mildred Proehl, Chairman
Helen Gnatheuser
Annelis Hoyman
Andrea Schmid
Norma Zabala, Vice-Chairman

Members of the committee comprise the Joint USGF/DGWS Certification Committee which was established last year. The purpose of the Certification Committee was to prepare a national judging certification program along the lines of artistic gymnastics. It was reported that work was curtailed due to the unavailability of funds. The committee remains in force. Please note changes in committee chairman for Written Examination and Practical Examinations. The exchange of duties was made by mutual consent of the chairman.

Chairman

Shirley Bryan

Comm. on Written Exams:

Andrea Schmid (USGF)

Comm. on Practical Exams:

Norma Zabala (DGWS)

Comm. on Compulsory Exercises:

Mildred Proehl (USGF)

Comm. on Policies & Procedures:

Norma Zabala (DGWS)

Following a clarification of the two committees, the Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Comm. elected a Chairman, Mildred Proehl, and Vice-Chairman, Norma Zabala. The duties of the chairman were discussed and the following description was agreed upon:

"The chairman is to serve as a coordinator of the work of the committee liaison, between U.S.G.F. committee and other organizations, public relations, and calling meetings of the committee.

These duties may be shared by the chairman and the vice-chairman at the discretion of the chairman.

The Committee (MRG) shall be responsible for the promotion of modern rhythmic gymnastics and the selection of gymnasts to represent the U.S.A. internationally."

The Committee then proceeded to discuss:

1. The status of the work of promoting modern rhythmic gymnastics
2. Problems facing the Committee
3. Preparation of future plans

Following is a list of projects, proposals, and/or plans discussed by the Committee:

1. A National Clinic or Institute is necessary for the development of Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics resource personnel.
2. Promotion of the new compulsory exercises by:
 - (a) producing a film of the compulsory exercises
 - (b) clinics to be conducted by resource personnel
3. Filing the vacancies of State and Regional Chairmen
4. Development of Judges:
 - (a) judging clinics
 - (b) written test
 - (c) practical test
5. Compulsory Meets - Regional meets to be held in all regions. All regional and state chairmen to assume this responsibility for 1974-75.
6. All National Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Competitions, Place: San Francisco, Calif. Spring 1975 (probably sometime in May). Individual Events: Indian Clubs with 8 international compulsory elements. Apparatus with Ball, Hoop, and Ribbon. An individual must enter a minimum of two events, but all-around award will be based on scores earned in all four events. Group Routine: 6 gymnasts (3 balls - 3 ropes) 2½-3 minutes. Meet Director: Andrea B. Schmid.
7. Annual Representation at the FIG Congress
8. International competition experience for our gymnasts either by traveling to other nations or inviting foreign teams for demonstration and competition.
9. Participation in March 8, 1975 International Women's Day Competition in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The United States will be invited to enter 3 gymnasts.

The Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Committee recognizes that some of the preceding items can be completed within the next year, some will be ongoing from year to year, and some are long range projects. It is hoped that our committee will remain stable and can fully accomplish this work by 1980. This, of course, is contingent primarily upon sufficient financial support.

Submitted by: Norma B. Zabala



**HALL OF FAME
Mrs. Emma Wachtel**

Born in Germany in 1907, Emma Wachtel came to the United States in 1926, subsequently becoming an American citizen and joining the Lincoln Turners. She participated in Gymnastics and Turner competition for 29 years, claiming nearly 100 awards, including a National Turner's All-Around apparatus Championship award. She served as Chairman of the U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Committee from 1952 through 1956, and as a member through 1971. She was U.S. Olympic Manager Coach at Melbourne in 1956. Following the 1956 Olympic Games when gymnastics programs and reputation were in their infancy, Mrs. Wachtel lectured on gymnastics at National Education Clinics in Oklahoma, Massachusetts, and elsewhere. She was consultant for Dr. Newt Loken's book on Gymnastics, women's section. She was identified with the Chicago Port District Recreation Department as gymnastics specialist and physical instructor from 1957 through 1973, when she retired. Emma also was a part-time instructor at the University of Illinois Chicago Circle Campus and taught gymnastics to the physical education majors and coached the team. Mrs. Wachtel has been honored on a number of occasions for her contributions to gymnastics. For 21 years, she served as judge of international and national competitions. She was granted the honor of a Breast by the International Gymnastics Federation in 1973. She will be a judge for the U.S.G.F. at the Junior Championships in Japan August 1974 and will be Coach-Manager for A.A.U. Women's Team in West Germany September 1974. Mrs. Wachtel can be admired for her many contributions, her unselfish devotion, and her sincere love and feeling for the sport of gymnastics.

MINUTES OF UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE FOR WOMENS GYMNASTICS

May 29, 1974 Carbondale, Illinois

The meeting of the United States Olympic Women's Gymnastics Committee was called to order on May 29, 1974 at 1:00 p.m. in Carbondale, Illinois by Shirley Bryan, Chairman. Roll call was taken and absent from the meetings with excuse were Ode Flannas and Carby Mason.

Invited guests: USOC Assistant Director, Operations, Jerry Loei; USGF Executive Director, Frank L. Bare, and USGF Representative to USOC, Gordon Chalmers.

The minutes of the last regular Committee meeting held November 2, 1973 in St. Louis were approved as written.

The Development and Committee budget allocations given by the USOC for 1975-76 are as follows:

1975 Development	\$17,000.00
Committee expenses	600.00
1976 Development	14,000.00
Committee expenses	600.00

Mrs. Bryan presented the Developmental Budget Report for 1974:

1. Developmental Funds Expended or Committed	
A. National Training Camp - Carbondale	\$ 900.00
B. National Coaches Symposium	
March	500.00
June	500.00
C. USSR Invitational - Riga	1400.00
D. Golden Sands Invitational - Varna	1500.00
E. Chunchi Cup - Japan	1600.00
TOTAL	\$6300.00

2. Balance of budget allocation: \$9,600.00.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the priorities for the balance of the Development Fund be allocated to:

1. Training camp for seven days immediately preceding the departure for the World Championships - \$3100.00
2. Video tapes for the national coaching staff to use during summer for training team for World Games - \$500.00
3. Senior International Tour for places 7-12 from the Final World Games Trial - \$6300.00

Mr. Frank Bare reported on the FIG Congress. The World Championships have been removed from Varna and will be held in Munich from October 20-27, 1974. There will be no FIG Congress in 1974. The FIG is now considering sites for 1975 FIG Congress, however, there will be a special meeting of the FIG Congress in France during July of 1974. The USGF will have a charter flight going to the World Games leaving Chicago October 14-28. There will be a Russian Tour of the USA in November for an exhibition consisting of seven men and seven women gymnasts plus five acrobats. The exhibitions will be seen in New York, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington from November 6-24. The Chicago exhibition will be November 9 during the USGF Congress.

The National Team Director ballots were received December 30, 1973 and the Committee voted 3-2 to hold the nomination until funds were available. The budget allocation was not accepted by the USOC and the discussion concerning the NTD was tabled until the November meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Nominations for coaches and officials for the Pan American Games and Olympic Games are due to USOC on September 1, 1974 and November 1, 1975 respectively. Team selection and training plans are due July 1, 1974 for both events. The Pan American Games will be held in Brazil from April 26-May 11, 1975. Discussion of two plans was held concerning team selection and training for Pan American Games. A motion was made and seconded that all national competitors from various organizations that meet standards should be used for qualifying into international competition. The motion was denied.

The first team selection and training plan submitted by Jackie Fix, Technical Chairman, USGFNBC was unacceptable in that it was illegal to use as it did not begin as an open competition for any interested individual. The second plan submitted by Shirley Bryan, Chairman as follows and was moved to be accepted, seconded and carried:

1. Regional USGF Elite Pre-Qualifying Meet in December of 1974 open to any girl who wishes to enter. If the USGF has a

qualifying score into this meet, then the USOC will hold a pre-qualifying meet.

2. First USGF Elite Qualifying Meet in mid-February with dual purpose of qualifying a girl for USGF Elite competition and Pan American Games Trials. From this meet, cut to top twenty competitors who will stay for a training camp immediately following the meet. The training camp would include the top twenty gymnasts, manager, national coach, pianist, and individual coaches of the gymnasts for four days of training.
3. Final Trials for Pan American Games held in mid-March. From this meet the top six and three reserve girls would have two weeks off and come back for a seven-to-ten day training camp immediately prior to departure.

The Team Selection and Training Plan for the Olympic Games to be held in Montreal July 17 - August 1, 1976 were moved, seconded and carried to be as follows:

1. Regional USGF Elite Pre-Qualifying Meet in December of 1975 open to any interested girl.
2. First USGF Elite Qualifying Meet in mid-February 1976. From this meet, cut to the top forty gymnasts.
3. Second USGF Elite Qualifying Meet in April will determine the top twenty gymnasts who will stay for a four-day training camp which will include gymnasts, national coaching staff, pianist, and individual coaches.
4. Final Olympic Trials will be held in the middle of May 1976 with the top twenty gymnasts competing. The team selection will be made of six and four reserves who will attend a three to four-week training camp to include gymnasts, coaching staff, pianist, and individual coaches.

A motion was made and seconded that the Committee should set up the rules for determining team selection and a competition and/or competitions will decide the competitors. This motion passed. A motion was also made and seconded to use scores from more than just the final trial for the final team

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selection. This motion carried. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the team selection would be made by using the better score from the February or April meet to add to the final trial score to determine the final team selection of the top ten with numbers one through six in the team and seven through ten at the alternates in that order.

Nominations for coach, manager, and permits for the Pan American Games are due September 1, 1974. Mrs. Bryan will ask the coaches of elite gymnasts to apply to her if they are interested in being the position as Pan American coach and/or manager. They will have until June 30, 1974 to have a letter of intent to Mrs. Bryan at which time the Committee should also submit a slate to her. This booklet forms will be sent to applicants and will be returned for Committee consideration. A committee to develop job descriptions for coach, manager, and permit was appointed by Mrs. Bryan to include Mrs. Delore Darril, Coordinator, Mrs. Grace Traiber and Mrs. Ernestine Weaver. The job descriptions should be finished by July 15, 1974.

Bids are now open for site selection for the Pan American Trials and for the Olympic Trials. The Pan American site must be decided by August 1, 1974.

New business included the decision that at our November meeting we will discuss an injury clause for the final trial of the Pan American Games and the Olympic Games.

A question relating to two terms of service for coach and/or manager was brought to the floor. This rule has been changed by the USOC and a person can now serve more than twice as coach and/or manager.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Weber
Secretary



I. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING
REMARKS

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman William T. Neede at 8:00 a.m., May 11, 1974.

B. A roll call of membership was taken. The following five members were absent:

Michael Wilson	Vernon Elder
Jerry Milan	Ed McNeil
Arnold Trummer	(See attached list)

As this was Mr. McNeil's second unexcused absence, the Chairman directed the Secretary to so notify the USOC via letter and request a replacement.

C. The Chairman gave a brief overview of our proposed meeting agenda (see attached agenda).

D. The Chairman acknowledged the presence of James E. McHugh, Director of Operations, USOC, and solicited any comments from him during the meeting which could aid our committee in the formulation of its decisions.

E. It was unanimously agreed that other guests present would be allowed to remain without voice in the proceeding except upon recognition of the Committee. Guests present were:

Frank Bars
Rusty Mitchell
William Ritter

II. Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting - Unanimous

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. USOC Development Funds (see attached fund report).

Chairman - Explained the awarding of our funds.

Beckner - Questioned the amount awarded women.

McHugh - Stated the women requested approximately \$45,000.00 and received \$16,000.00.

Frey - Voiced disappointment in money available.

McHugh - Briefly reviewed the USOC financial situation covering record requested amounts. Stated the U.S.G.F. is one of the best cooperating agencies.

Bars - Explained U.S.G.F. policy of matching any and all funds from USOC with their own.

B. National Coach Concept

Chairman - Stated our subcommittee on this subject had decided to drop this concept as undesirable at this time.

C. Olympic Gymnastics Trials - 1976

Case - The city of Philadelphia is still interested in hosting the event in conjunction with the Bicentennial even though Temple University has been awarded the NCAA Championships in that same year.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recent FIG Events

Chairman - Called on Bars for FIG report.

Bars - Covered World Games site change, cancelled 1974 Congress, Asian Games problems, Code of Points changes (none through Munich), Pre-Olympic Montreal meeting in 1975, Gender illness and possible June availability of Olympic compulsory routines.

B. Recent International Competitions

Chairman - Called on Cusackey for report.

Cusackey - Covered Russian and South African meets. Special mention was made of John Crosby who won a gold medal in floor exercise at Moscow.

Frey - Added his observations as coach on the trip.

C. Pan American Team Selection

Cusackey - Clarified latest dates as 26 April - 11 May 1975.

Gagner - Discussed team trials philosophy and the elimination of top athletes months prior to the actual competition.

Beckner - Agreed and suggested slot positions for unusual circumstances.

Coco - Volunteered to construct a viable formula for doing this.

Roethlisheim - Considered the additional retirement of Pan American compulsory.

Maloney - Discussed USOC deadline dates and related problems.

McHugh - Related his organization's requests for extensions to these current deadlines.

Chairman - Suggested possible Christmas vacation pre-trial.

Beckner - Discussed the missed schooling student problems.

Coco - Suggested third week in March.

Roethlisheim - Felt the trial should be earlier.

Chairman - Suggested February. Also covered the possibility of no Pan American compulsories.

Beckner - Suggested selecting an optional only.

Chairman - Thought we should limit the number of competitors in the final trials.

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continued

Blomrose — Favored Christmas pre-trial.

Rootzheim — Questioned which class could best host a trial.

Chairman — Was against favoring any one class.

Beckner — Suggested using Olympic competitions, in any event, for developmental purposes.

Huels — Cautioned against downgrading the Pan American Games.

Frey — Mentioned problems of travel to these trials.

Gagner — Suggested a statistical qualifying started from designated meets and then a last single, final trial.

McHugh — Stated the final staging area would probably be Miami.

Coco — Felt we must have preliminary meets or the final field is too unwieldy, and hence, possibly unfair.

Chairman — Suggested the top 12 scores in the country be invited to a final trial.

Gagner — Pointed out scoring discrepancies.

Groenfeld — Felt more than 12 should be admitted if only qualifying scores were used.

Chairman — Limited further discussion to five minutes and rescheduled various positions.

Rootzheim — Motioned a pre-trial to eliminate to 12 men followed by a final trial to select the team.

Frey — Seconded the motion.

Chairman — Called for the question and it obtained a 10 — 4 0 abstention vote for approval.

Rowlands — Motioned four at large slots for the final trials.

Huels — Seconded the motion.

Backner — Voiced position against at large slots.

Shanken — Clarified that only responsible authority should select these positions.

Chairman — Called for the question and it obtained a 4 — 10 (1 abstention) vote of disapproval.

Coco — Motioned for the formation of a subcommittee to develop guidelines for slot positions in final trial competitions that are controlled by the U.S.O.G.C.

Groenfeld — Seconded the motion.

Chairman — Stated he would attempt to appoint said subcommittee within the week.

D. Pan American Coach/Manager Nominations.

McHugh — Clarified the allowance of up to five nominations for each position.

Garnesky — Submitted the Nominating Committee report/draft as follows:

For Coach

Karl Schwenkfer

Mike Wilson

Ed Gagner

Dick Wolfe

McHugh — Stated nominations are normally sent to the USOC for approval prior to final selection.

Chairman — Opened floor to further nominations — possibly totaling 10.

Backner — Nominated Alvin Groenfeld.

Shanken — Nominated Paul Fina. Also suggested all nominees be considered for both posts.

Rowlands — Moved to close the nominations.

Shanken — Seconded the motion.

Chairman — Received unanimous vote of approval (Frey was excused from the meeting at this point due to Host Meet Director duties.)

E. Olympic Trials Problems

Gagner — Stated adding scores of various trials a problem due to the new trans-individual limitations of qualifying for the Olympic Games (see attached Memorial 1970).

Groenfeld — Explained past use of added scores and its validity.

Coco — Motioned to accept the format of trials used in 1972 selections plus the adding of semi-final and final scores to pick the team.

McHugh — Seconded the motion.

Chairman — Called for the question and it obtained a 13 — 0 0 abstention vote of approval.

F. Review of Committee's Performance.

Shanken — Suggested a review to include:

1. Long range planning.

2. Finances.

3. Survey of member organizations and public in general.

4. Age group programs.

5. Minority relationships.

6. Club relationships.

Chairman — Permitted an open discussion regarding the direction our Committee should take on these questions (Ex-Elite vs age group emphasis).

G. Meeting — Date

Chairman — Suggested next meeting be in conjunction with World Games Final Trials on approximately 27, 28 September 1975. Received unanimous support.

H. Adjournment.

Chairman — Suggested we adjourn.

Shanken — Seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m., May 11, 1974.

Submitted by,
Karl K. Schwenkfer,
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Secretary, USOC

Berkeley, California

May 11, 1974

National Association of College Gymnastics Coaches

June 26, 1974

Mr and Mrs. Gilbert Morave
618 West Oliver
Prospect Heights, IL 60070

Dear Mr and Mrs. Morave:

The National Association of Gymnastics Coaches would like to honor the memory of your son at the 1975 NCAA Gymnastics Championships that will be held at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana.

We would like to honor Gary by a special Nissen award. There have been many tributes paid to the memory of your son, but the Coaches Association, along with the Nissen Corporation, feel as if Gary many times had earned this award, and in the memory of a true champion we would like to make this possible. The Coaches Association would like to be responsible for all of your expenses in traveling to and from the meet.

I would like to personally pass on a quote made by one of the world's finest athletes, Babe Didrikson Zaharias, who was considered by many the world's outstanding athlete. The last words that she said to her husband, "a moment of happiness is a lifetime." Gary created many moments of happiness for all of us.

Sincerely,
Dore R. Robinson, President
Gymnastics Coach
Indiana State University

1974 SENIOR NATIONALS REPORT

Rod Hill, Meet Director

CORRECTION BY MRS. FIE:

After having attended four Senior Nationals, I have to say without a doubt that the quality of this years meet was by far the best I have seen in Gymnastic Talent. The girls did a wonderful job and performed well with few major breaks or falls. The judges did an excellent job.

Because the Senior Nationals are the last opportunity for a gymnast to qualify for Olites, the Nationals grew and grew with each passing day. We started with 52 girls and ended up with 86 competitors. The meet started at 2:00 p.m. and finished at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 that evening Finals were run smoothly and without incident.

The All Around and the Team Title were up for grabs from the moment the meet began until it finished. We would have one girl leading, then the next session another would take over and so on until Debbie Wilcox of the Littleton Flyers in Littleton, Colorado emerged the winner. Debbie was steady all three days as she piled up 71.86 points to win the title. Second went to Kelley Muncy of the Long Beach Kips. She scored a 71.55. Linda Antonio of the Denver School of Gymnastics moved from 8th to third place with a 71.325.

In the Team competition it was just as hectic. After the first session the SCATS were leading. Then it was the Mennettes, then Denver took over after the third session and held on to the end. The final team score was Denver 112; SCATS 111; Mennettes 110.

In the Finals on Saturday Night, the sparse crowd which came to watch saw some very fine gymnastics as the girls did their very best. In the vault, Kim Bellow of the Olympiad Gym Club executed a Yamashita and a Yamashita with a half turn to score 9.25 and with the competition. In the Uneven Bars, Kelley Muncy scored a 9.20 to easily win this event. On the Balance Beams, a real battle developed between Carrie Engert of the National Academy of Gymnastics and Renee Heck of the Denver School of Gymnastics. Carrie scored a 9.30 to win the event. Linda Antonio who was the only girl to be in three events in the finals, finally won an event as she edged Carrie Engert in Free Exercise c 9.15.

Saturday afternoon, five girls qualified for the Elite Nationals as they performed the Olympic Compulsories and combined their optional scores came up with a 70.00 All Around or better. The

Qualifiers were Trish Reed c 70.95, Kelley Muncy of the Kips was 70.80. With a 70.80 was Carrie Engert, and Lisa Neurtz with a 70.20.

All in all it was an excellent meet. The first two days were held at the Denver School of Gymnastics. Here they had 5 beams to warm-up on and in the PM warm up in the days preceding the meet, they had as many as 3 of the kind they competed on. There are three free as pads and 3 vaulting horses, so they did not lack for equipment. The crowds were small, but as stated, the meet was for the girls and they seemed to enjoy it very much. It was kept as relaxed as possible for the gymnasts and they did not have to be in the gym more than 2 hours a day at a time, so they did not tire as easily.

FINAL RESULTS:

TEAM	
1. Denver School of Gymnastics	112
2. SCATS	111
3. Mennettes	110

VAULT

1. Kim Bellow - Olympiad	10.405
2. Jan Anthony - Olympiad	10.400
3. Linda Antonio - Denver SG	10.390
4. Debbie Wilcox - Lit Fly	10.390
5. Julie Knight - Fresno	10.125
6. Nancy Jones - Tumble Bees	10.025

UNEVEN BARS

1. Kelley Muncy - KIPS	10.575
2. Nancy Jones - Tumble Bees	10.325
3. Gale Wycoff - SCATS	10.375
4. Linda Antonio - Denver SG	10.612
5. Kathy Kirk - Corner House	10.625
6. Debbie Wilcox - Lit Fly	10.525

BALANCE BEAM

1. Carrie Engert - Nat Acad	10.325
2. Renee Heck - Denver SG	10.100
3. Leslie Wolfberger - SCATS	10.900
4. Wendy Schol - Reno SG	10.900
5. Lisa Neurtz - Mennettes	10.575
6. Shelly Blair - Mennettes	10.575

FREE EXERCISE

1. Linda Antonio - Denver SG	10.175
2. Carrie Engert - Nat Acad	10.125
3. Shelly Blair - Mennettes	10.000
4. Debbie Hung - Diablo	10.250
5. Leslie Wolfberger - SCATS	10.675
6. Kelley Muncy - KIPS	10.675

ALL AROUND

1. Debbie Wilcox - Lit Fly	71.86
2. Kelley Muncy - KIPS	71.65
3. Linda Antonio - Denver SG	71.325
4. Carrie Engert - Nat Acad	71.10
5. Gale Wycoff - SCATS	70.60
6. Shelly Blair - Mennettes	70.50

After reading the June USGF Newsletter confirming the Czech competition in Denver on page 24, I find it necessary to correct the misleading statements made by the news writer, Mr. Holman. This article sheds a poor light upon the USA judges and leads one to believe that the Czech judges gave Mrs. Hill first place on the uneven bars. And that the American judges gave Mrs. Dornikova first.

The official score sheet for the uneven bars shows the following:

Judges	Head-Pie	Ruchlow
Mrs. Dornikova	9.40	9.90
	Weber	Mushakova
	9.60	9.90
	Achenbrenner	Avs.
	9.30	9.60
	Head Pie	Ruchlow
Mrs. Hill	9.60	9.60
	Weber	Mushakova
	9.60	9.60
	Achenbrenner	Avs.
	9.60	9.60

Now that the Head Judge - Pie had the Czech gymnast at a 9.40 and Mrs. Hill at a 9.60. The average of the 2 USA judges Weber, Achenbrenner for the Czech gymnast was (9.60 and 9.30) 9.45. The average of the 2 USA judges for Mrs. Hill was (9.60 and 9.60) 9.60. The Czech judges scored the Czech gymnast at 9.90 average and Mrs. Hill at an average of 9.65.

This correction is published, so that our subscribers will have the official correct information. Our USA judges always do a fine job of scoring, but, because of their fairness and honesty in contrast to the opposition, the average scores do not always reflect the true picture and result.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Jackie Pie

USGF NTC Chairman



MEN'S TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Extract from the minutes of the meetings held in Chisasso from 8th - 10th February, 1974

From 8th - 10th February 1974, the ITC/WTG met in Chisasso under the chairmanship of its president, Mr J. Izzosano. All the members were present.

1. Minutes and recommendations

Delegates were informed that the minutes of the technical assembly in Ronciglione were not published in the 473 Bulletin. The reports of the technical assembly in Ronciglione have thereby remained all

2. Brief ITC message

We are entirely satisfied with the way the technical assembly went off. Unfortunately however, there were several errors in the organization which can in future be avoided by improved preparation. It was decided to encourage in future a duration of 3 days for the technical assembly in order to allow the problems to be dealt with more thoroughly.

3. 1984 World Championships

The dates of the championships remain unchanged from 26th - 27th October 1984. The judges' centre for the men will take place as follows:

- 19-10 Competitions No 1 (compulsory exercises)
- 20-10 Competitions No 2 (voluntary exercises)
- 21-10 Competitions No 3
- 22-10 Competitions No 3

The following are confirmed as chief judges

- Floor K-M Zechner
- Rings T. Julliano
- Bars W. Lohmann
- Side-bars A. Kötter
- Vaulting R. Chakula
- Horsehold bar R. Genslin

Thus we have designated the same chief judges as those who functioned at the 1972 Olympic Games.

The preparatory work is well under way and promises good organization of the World Championships. One detail concerning the preparation was taken from the bulletin of the organization committee.

4. Project of the New Technical Regulations

The voluminous work presented by the president of the committee, Mr K-M Zechner, was approved in its main lines, but the project has so far not been discussed. It was decided above all to modify the statutes and only subsequently to undertake definitively the technical regulations. In the meantime, supplements will be added to the temporary regulations of 1970.

5. Questions concerning apparatus

The last decision was taken with a view to the definitive elaboration of the brochure containing the standards of the apparatus. This brochure will be published in the Bulletin of 1984.

4. Code of Points

Discussions were conducted upon that which emerged from the Judges' Symposium and which constituted a great effort of agreement for the ITC. The commission and the technical assembly met in Madrid in December 1973 and the project made by the federations and received by 2nd December 1973 was presented.

1984, USA, Spain, Australia, Switzerland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Portugal, Hungary, France, German Federal Republic and Canada.

This commission will commence its work immediately and will already begin meeting in April.

2. Complimentary measures for the 1975 Olympic Games

The ITC has once again examined the proposals for the various exercises but without yet having taken any decision. Confirmation of the exercises will be given in good time, in such a way as to allow of their publication for the federations in time prior to the date fixed, i.e. about 4 months after the World Championships.

The president of the ITC J. Izzosano
The secretary of the ITC K-M Zechner

WOMEN'S TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meetings held in Chisasso from 8th - 8th February, 1974

Those present:

- Mrs NACU, president
- Mrs Desobry, vice-president
- Mrs Bertram, secretary
- Mrs Garcia, secretary
- Mrs Waisman, ger
- Mrs Waisman, ger
- Mrs Berg-

Items

The experts who have examined the new laws presented at Ronciglione have found that the technical is not ideal. Several existing materials available in the trade are better, but longer, are more flexible for the jumps and facilitate turns and adding.

Mrs Nagy shows 3 other samples and sample No 3 is ultimately unanimously selected. Another remark is made regarding the elasticity of the beam.

Mr Gardier, president of the FIG, proposes a 50% reduction in the thickness of the rubber mat with a view to ensuring a certain stability of the surface. The ITC is of the opinion that a certain degree of tolerance concerning the elasticity of the beam is indispensable. This question will be discussed with the specialists.

Unsettled items

The FIG has received several requests concerning the widening of the supports of the beam and it has now become necessary to find a solution in this matter. If the solution proposed proves satisfactory, new standards will have to be established regarding the distance between the two supports.

Area for the floor exercise

The floor judge does not give any advantage if the floor boards are too hard. The WTC desires to retain the existing floor at its for future world championships.

Brochure for the judges' courses

This brochure will have to contain immediately shortened texts with explanations of the WTC's decisions. Mrs. Wagner has already prepared the material and has the brochure sent to be printed. This brochure will be introduced into the brochure several of the important definitions, for example rhythm, stance, confidence, dynamism, etc. etc. A list of the names will be compiled and each member of the WTC will be given the task of explaining the significance of a certain number of these notions. The brochure will be ready by June so as to allow it to be being used at the international judges' course.

Code of points

The work method will be made uniform in all the disciplines and the statutes will be uniform. Mrs. Dandaneau proposes the use of Russian standards for the floor exercise and the team in view of the elements contained in the Russian system. Mrs. Wagner will study the Russian system. Mrs. Bessier and the committee will discuss alongside the development of the elements. It would be desirable for this new Code to be completed by the end of 1975.

Mrs. Nagy assumes those present that the federations will be receiving the decisions taken by the WTC and that these will come into force at the next World Championships.

World championships

Designation of the chief judge

Vault: Mrs. Gatta.
Udders: Mrs. Bessier.
Beam: Mrs. Bessier.
Floor: Mrs. Dandaneau.
Pommel horse: Mrs. Wainwright.

Area of appeal

Mrs. Gaudier, president of the FFIG.
Mrs. Nagy, president of the WTC.
Mrs. Wainwright and Mrs. Bessier, members of the WTC.
The body responsible for the organization of the competitions.
The chief judge for the apparatus in question.
Mrs. Nagy informs the chief judges that, in the case of a weighty decision, she desires to be consulted in her capacity of the person responsible for the competition.

Judges' course

The judges course will take place on 16th October 1975 from 2 p.m. till 7 p.m. The chief judges are entrusted with the task of giving the course. They will have one hour for the theoretical part and one hour for the practical. The chief judges will also be dealt with at 8 p.m. The judges will do their experimental judging. The exercise will, as is customary, be executed by the reserves gymnasts.

Schedule for the World Championships

15th October Judges' course
16th October Opening of the championships
17th October Women's compulsory exercises
18th October Men's compulsory exercises
19th October Women's optional exercises
20th October Men's optional exercises
21st October Multiple internal competition — 26 women gymnasts and 26 men gymnasts
22nd October Finals at the apparatus, team and women's team

The drawing of lots

The drawing of lots must take place at the beginning of September and a committee consisting of three ladies will be constituted to this effect.

Women of the championships

Mrs. Wainwright, who is responsible for this task, will draw up a list of the names of the women, relating to the competition such as, the duration of each event, any incidents which might occur, complaints or protests, etc.

Height of the springboard

Mrs. Nagy informs those present that the height of the springboard is 14 cm (including covering) with a tolerance of 1-8 mm. This springboard must be made of plywood.

Artistic seat

After a discussion concerning the use of one or two mats, the following decisions are taken:
3 mats in favour of the utilization of two mats
3 votes in favour of the utilization of one mat

Consequently, a single mat will be provided and this will have to correspond to the FIG standard (i.e. a surface of not less than 1.8 m and a thickness of 65-80 mm).

Manifestations in 1975

- 1975 Women's European Championships — 3rd and 4th May 1975 at Eilat, Norway
- 1975 Men's European Championships — End of May, beginning of June at Bern, Switzerland
- Gymnastics — West Berlin (over 16) to 24th July 1975
- Artistic seat — During July 1975, a short dress rehearsal will take place in Moscow in view of the 1978 Olympic Games
- 19th World Championships for Men and Women (Gymnastics) — Moscow, second half of October
- 1st World Day for artistic gymnasts — During November 1975

The president of the FFIG: Arthur Gaudier

EUROPEAN TOUR

By Rod Hill

Hill's Angels of the Denver School of Gymnastics for Girls completed its second tour of Europe on the 31st of July. It was considered to be a highly successful trip in which much was learned and a great deal of good will for the United States and the Sport of Gymnastics.

On the 27th of May, Debbie Hill, Linda Antonio, Trish Reed, Jackie DeGarmo and Lori Franco traveled to Carbondale, Illinois where Debbie, Linda and Trish were scheduled to compete in the Elite Nationals. They along with myself and Sharon Weber left Carbondale on the 3rd of June and traveled to Chicago where we met the rest of our European Party. This included Renee Heck, Chris Fawcett, Kim Menzies, Joanne Aschenbrenner, Duke Aschenbrenner and Bill Weber. Sharon and Joanne were being taken along as judges. Their husbands Bill and Duke went along and helped throughout the trip as drivers and photographers.

We left Chicago on the evening of the 3rd and arrived in Luxembourg on the afternoon of the 4th of June. Here we rented a Volvo Wagen Van and a Volkswagen car. The four adults rode in the car and the Team with myself and Debbie driving rode in the van. We drove about five hours and stopped at a hotel in Northern France. The next morning we got an early start and drove through France and Germany. We stayed in a hotel in Salzburg Austria. On the 6th we arrived in Vienna where we spent 6 hours sightseeing and picking up our Hungarian Vans. That evening we drove onto Budapest, Hungary. Because we had no hotel reservations we had to secure accommodations about 24 miles south of the city.

On the 7th we were met by the husband of Madeline Nagy. He acted as our interpreter and guide throughout the day. We were able to use the Romanian National Team work out in the afternoon, then we worked out ourselves. It was good to meet old friends Elena Gheorghiu and Elena Gheorghiu of the Romanian Team.

Early the morning of the 8th we started the long trip to Romania. We drove nearly non-stop and still were unable to reach our destination near Bacau before we had to get a hotel in the Transylvania Mountains. The girls had thoughts and dreams of werewolves and Monsters all night. A dog fight near the rooms did not help matters.

The following morning we arrived at our destination and were met by another old friend Maria Simionescu, the Superior Romanian Judge. It was at this moment we learned this man was to be that afternoon. We had thought it would be the next day. We were housed in the first hotel in the city, and the girls were sent up to rest, while myself and the judges attended the Technical Meeting.

We knew the National Team was competing in Hungary, so we figured we would be against a private club. To our surprise and I might add happy surprise, we found we were to compete against the Junior National Training Center for Romanian Gymnasts. It was here that we were to meet the finest Junior Team I have ever seen, and possibly the finest team in the World. They came out looking like something from a grade school. That turned out to be a very false impression. I had heard about a 13 year old superstar from Romania for over a year. I met her, and six other superstars.

The competition was before a packed gym. They were standing outside several deep just listening to reports of the competition going on inside. The teams were divided into two groups. There were three teams, for Poland had been invited much to our pleasant surprise. The most skilled three girls in each team were in group one and the second group had the next skilled. We had Debbie, Linda and Trish in our group one with Renee, Lori and Chris in group two.

It was a tremendous competition and even though our girls must have been showing some strain from the competition and the long trip, they were fantastic. The all around was won by the 13 year old who competed Nadia Dababla was 2 tenths behind in second place. Third went to Males Luminita of Romania with fourth going to Linda and 5th to Trish. Gabor Georgescu was 6th. Renee, Lori and Chris finished in that order for our team.

Nadia is the finest Junior Gymnast I have ever seen. And she is beaten as much as she wins by Ungureanu Teodora who was 9th in the all around, but she had a little trouble in the vault. As the scores below will show they have fantastic strength and they are 12 and 13 years old. In her free exercise, Nadia threw a fantastic double full and she has two of these in the routine. On the beam it was highlighted by a double turn on the hands plus the aerials etc. Her vault is a cartwheel back in the pike position, the finest I have ever seen. Her bars are highlighted by a front flip on the high bar and consecutive free hips to handstands

that are without flaw. The vaults of the team consisted of handspring fronts and cartwheel backs in pike position. Two of the girls threw double twists on the floor. Nadia has beaten Kim of Russia the last three times out and she won an individual of all the teams in Europe in which they sent their best and it was her first time out. Keep the same in mind, for I feel she is the best.

VAULT

1	Nadia - Romania	9.60
2	Georgeta - Rom	9.25
3	Hill - Den	9.20
4	Antonia - Den	9.10
4	Reed - Den	9.10
4	Mariana - Rom	9.10

UNEVEN BARS

1	Nadia - Rom	9.60
2	Hill - Den	9.45
3	Luminita - R	9.40
4	Mariana - Rom	9.40
4	Teodora - Ro	9.35
4	Georgeta - R	9.35

BALANCE BEAM

1	Hill - Den	9.25
2	Antonia - Den	9.10
3	Luminita - Ro	9.05
3	Teodora - Ro	9.05
5	Reed - Den	9.00
6	Krolikowski - P	8.95

FREE EXERCISE

1	Nadia - Rom	9.60
2	Ljiljana - Rom	9.50
3	Teodora - Rom	9.45
4	Luminita - Rom	9.45
4	Hill - Den	9.40
5	Antonia - Den	9.30
5	Reed - Den	9.30

ALL AROUND

1	Nadia - Rom	37.60
2	Hill - Den	37.20
3	Luminita - Rom	36.80
4	Antonia - Den	36.75
5	Reed - Den	36.70
6	Georgeta - Rom	36.65

TEAM

1	Romania	104.85
2	Denmark	101.70
3	Poland	105.75

I would like to add a closing note on the competition, look out for Romania in Montreal, they are loaded. Our girls did a fantastic job and were highly praised. Nadia is very popular in Romania and received standing ovations. Maria says this is true all over the country. The evening of the meet we had a huge reception and it was late to bed. The following day we did some sightseeing, and visited the National Gymnastic School. We found that the seven girls we saw the night before were not all that bad, it goes much deeper than that. Our girls visited an English speaking class and helped the

students for over an hour. We then were taken on a tour of the National Sports Complex. It is very impressive. The Romanian Team is very young and they adopted our girls as big sisters. A tremendous friendship was developed between all. To top it all off our team has been invited to train with the Romanian Team for two weeks next summer all expenses paid. I can promise you we did not turn the down and we will be there.

We left for Gottwaldov, Czechoslovakia on the morning of the 11th. We drove for 22 straight hours, and finally had to stop about 80 miles north of Budapest. After a nights sleep (if you can call 5 hours a nights sleep) we continued on. We had a 4 hour delay at the border, and we arrived in Gottwaldov in the Czech part of the country that afternoon. We were taken immediately to an old mansion outside of town which was situated right in the middle of a zoo. It was a beautiful place and during the summer months it is a fine resort hotel. We had dinner then the technical meeting.

The following morning we went sight seeing, then to the gym for a short workout. That evening we competed. I guess in my 12 years of coaching, this was the worst any team of my ever did. We must have been feeling the effects of the travel. I also knew that in over a week, the girls had had one workout and one meet. Anyway we fell 5 times on bars and once on bars. When the smoke cleared we had lost the meet by 1.3 and we should have won it easily. Debbie fell twice on Bars, Linda once and Trish once. Trish also fell on Bars and finished 13th in the all around. Newer in her young life had this happened. And for the first time in over two years, she dropped below a 38.00 in the all around.

The first three places in the all around were won by the Gottwaldov girls. Our highest finisher was Lori Frasco with a 36.45 and 5th place. Linda and Debbie tied for 6th with 35.35. Renee Heck had a 38.10, Kim Montgriff a 35.60 and Jackie DeGennie a 34.35. The team score was 183.95 to 182.60. Gottwaldov had a fine team, but still we should have won.

That evening we had a dinner and were given some beautiful gifts. We found the Czech people to be friendly and easy to get along with. We were asked to return next year and we accepted.

The following morning we traveled to Bratislava where we thought we would be competing again, but found we would be doing an exhibition about 40 miles north in Trnava. The Slovak National Championships would be held the following day and we were to do

exhibition work during the Championships. We were put up in a nice modern dormitory, and after a nights rest we did the exhibition in a brand new sports hall. It was a good experience for the girls and they seemed to get their gymnastic legs back, as they hit on every routine. No falls on beam even.

We left on the 16th and drove to Bratislava and on to Budapest. We arrived late in the afternoon and were told to go to a very nice hotel in the central part of the city. Here we were met by the interpreter and we had two meals within one hour. We had missed our noon meal because of a four hour wait on the border, so we had to eat two meals as they were prepared. Needless to say we went to bed not lacking in food.

The following day we were taken on a sightseeing tour of the beautiful city of Budapest, then to the Spartacus Sports School for dinner. We had the technical meeting, then prepared for the meet. Madeline Nagy was the superior Judge and the meet began in the early evening.

This was the top gymnastic school in Hungary. A couple of the girls were with the National Team and could not compete, but they put a very fine group on the floor. After vault, we were leading. After Bars, they were leading. Then they fell apart on Beam (I could easily feel for them), and we hit add. Free Exercise we also won and finally the team title. Debbie was solid all they way and won the all around with Trish finishing second. Again we found Debbie to be very well known and very popular. The team was well known here as it was in Hungary. It made us feel very good. Debbie did more a handstand on the Bars.

RESULTS:

VAULT

1. Antonio - Den	9.35
2. Gyucha - Hun	9.40
3. Reed - Den	9.20
3. Urutina - Hun	9.20
4. Hill - Den	9.05
5. Ilona - Hun	9.05

UNEVEN BARS

1. Maryusz - Hun	9.40
2. Hill - Den	9.30
2. Antonio - Den	9.30
3. Gyucha - Hun	9.30
3. Veriga - Hun	9.25
4. Frasco - Den	9.20

BALANCE BEAM

1. Hill - Den	9.35
1. Reed - Den	9.35
2. Maryusz - Hun	9.15
3. Heck - Den	9.10
4. Peter - Den	9.10
5. Frasco - Den	9.00

FREE EXERCISE

1. Hill - Den	9.45
2. Gyucha - Hun	9.35
3. Reed - Den	9.30
3. Antonio - Den	9.30
4. Maryusz - Hun	9.25
5. Frasco - Den	9.20

ALL AROUND

1. Hill - Den	37.15
2. Reed - Den	36.95
3. Gyucha - H	36.85
4. Antonio - D	36.65
5. Frasco - D	36.30
5. Maryusz - H	36.10

TEAM

1. Denser	183.35
2. Spartacus	179.60

That night we had a reception and a very good time. I sat next to Madeline Nagy and her husband and in the next two hours we became good friends and I learned a great deal. We were asked to return next year for a longer visit and we stated we would.

The following day we shopped for half a day, then left for Vienna, but were unable to make it and stopped just inside of Austria. We went on in the morning and did some sightseeing and shopping. We drove on and arrived at Berchtesgarden in the Austrian Alps that evening. Here we got a hotel that was like something from Heidi. It was a beautiful setting and we got a good nights sleep. The next day we did some shopping then drove on to Munich. We saw the Olympic training sights, then did some shopping and pushed on. We stayed in Central Germany that night.

The following morning Sharon and Bill Weber took the other car and drove back to Luxembourg as they had to get home. The rest of us got in the van and drove across Holland and Belgium to arrive on the French coast late at night. We took a ferry across the channel and finally got settled in a hotel at 3 in the morning. After a good nights sleep we drove on to Loughran which is outside of London where the competition was to take place that evening. We were put in private homes to rest and prepare for the competition.

We competed against a combination of the two top clubs in England. The clubs were Loughran and Ladywell. I want to say right here that the British have improved greatly in the past year. I was very pleased with their progress. Debbie did not compete in this meet. Trish won the all around with Linda finishing second.

RESULTS:

EUROPEAN TOUR (CONT.)

VAULT

1. Reed - Dan	9.80
2. Antonio - Dan	9.75
3. DeGarmo - Dan	9.66
4. Jackson - GB	8.95
5. O'Brien - GB	8.95
6. Frisco, Peter, Montagnif - D	8.70

UNEVEN BARS

1. Antonio - Dan	9.30
2. Peter - Dan	9.15
3. Reed - Dan	9.10
4. Frisco - Dan	9.05
5. Addisley - GB	8.95
6. Jackson - GB	8.95

BALANCE BEAM

1. Reed - Denver	9.40
2. Antonio - Dan	9.36
3. Hick - Dan	9.15
4. Montagnif - D	8.95
5. Jackson - GB	8.95
6. DeGarmo - Dan	8.90

FREE EXERCISE

1. Reed - Dan	9.36
2. Antonio - Dan	9.25
3. Jackson - GB	9.19
4. Hick - Dan	9.06
5. Frisco - Dan	8.95
6. Montagnif, DeGarmo - Dan	8.80

ALL AROUND

1. Reed - Dan	37.35
2. Antonio - Dan	37.15
3. Jackson - GB	36.90
4. Hick - Dan	36.65
5. Frisco - Dan	36.45
6. DeGarmo - Dan	35.60

TEAM

1. Denver	161.70
2. GB	172.80

We went sightseeing in London the next day and had a wonderful time seeing the Tower of London, Big Ben and all the things that make the city famous including a visit to zero Meridian.

The following morning we bid our English friends goodbye and took the ferry back to France. We drove until early evening, then stopped at a hotel to get a good night's sleep. The following morning we were on the road early and drove to Paris. We wanted to see the Louvre, but it was closed on Tuesday. We saw the Notre Dame Church and of course the Eiffel Tower. Duke Ashkenbrenner had to return to the States so we left him at the train station and continued on. If we were to see Rome at all we would have to drive all night and this we did. The next morning we awoke on the Riviera and then went through Monaco and on to Pisa where we had a late evening look at the leaning tower and that beautiful city. The following morning we drove to Rome and spent the day looking at the beautiful art works of Michelangelo and other artists. We visited the Vatican, the three fountains in a fountain, the coliseum. The sun was broken into while we were at the fountain and three suitcases stolen. We spent the next 8 hours in the police station finishing up at 4:30 in the morning. We decided to drive on to Florence, Italy.

I forgot to mention that we had picked up Leslie Bartlett, one of England's top gymnasts who will be training in Denver through August. We arrived in Florence in the early morning and spent the day looking at the fantastic art works of that city. We saw the David by Michelangelo and many of his other great

works. We saw many of the famous paintings of the world. The girls were learning to appreciate art and taking a great interest in what they were seeing. They were really getting an education.

That afternoon we drove on to finally spend the night in Southern Switzerland. The next day we drove to Zurich and the following day we rode a cable car up the mountain side and did other sightseeing.

On the 30th of June we drove back to Luxembourg and got a hotel in a country hotel about 25 miles from the airport. The next morning we boarded the plane, flew to London and home, arriving in Denver at 2:30 in the morning after a four hour wait in Chicago when the fuel pump went out on the plane.

To sum up the trip, I would say this. It was a tremendous gymnastic and educational experience for us all. The people we met in every country were the best you could find. In 5 trips to Europe I have never had trouble with any of these people, they are very kind and easy to get along with. For this reason, I personally resent some of the comments made about them by the people here in our country. I cannot remember such excellent treatment as we received during the four weeks.

It was a long trip and a tiring one, but I feel we did a lot of good for our country and for the sport. The girls and the school were very well known every where we went. Debbie is very well known and very popular. The school is very well known every where we visited.

Our tour for next year is all set up and will include Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Romania. We have been invited to Great Britain also. We will make this tour and it will be the third year in a row for us. H&I's Angels have now represented our city, state and country in 25 countries and 43 states in our country. We will do a 5 week tour of Japan in September to add on to this. The main purpose of these trips are to give the people of other countries a good feeling about the United States and secondary the gymnastic scene. We have accomplished this.



DEBBIE HILL



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